

Sent: 23 March 2015 07:16
To: Gurry, June
Cc: TTCCP; Lanscombe House; Julie Brandon; Pat Bishop
Subject: URGENT - Overview & Scrutiny Board meeting Monday 23rd March 2015 - Letter from Susie Colley as Chair of the Torquay Chamber of Commerce

Dear June,

I write with regard to a letter dated the 19th March 2015 brought to my attention yesterday written by Susie Colley in her capacity as Chair of the Torquay Chamber of Commerce and sent to Cllr John Thomas in advance of today's Q & S Board meeting. The letter can be accessed below:-

<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/DemocraticServices/documents/s22941/Letter%20of%20representation%20from%20Chamber%20of%20Commerce.pdf>

I wrote yesterday to Cllr Robert Excell, one of our local ward councilors who is shown on the letter headed note paper as a member of the Torquay Chamber of Commerce (as the Torbay Council Representative) to ascertain whether he or any other Chamber members had been consulted on the contents of the letter before it had been sent.

He confirmed late yesterday in an email that he had not been consulted on the content of the letter. That is extremely worrying.

Having witnessed the undemocratic manner in which Susie Colley has conducted herself whilst Chairing both the Torquay Neighbourhood Plan Forum before she was recently dismissed and the Torre & Upton Community Partnership and given the Torquay Chamber of Commerce's website and Facebook pages appear to have been inactive for at least 12 months, it would appear the contents of the letter from Susie Colley as Chair of the Torquay Chamber of Commerce may actually be nothing other than her own personal opinions and not those democratically agreed by Chamber members.

Any attempts to join the Torquay Chamber of Commerce go unanswered.

There appears to be no public record or minutes of any meeting held to discuss the issues covered and the clearly un-researched opinions conveyed in letter sent by Susie Colley and for that reason, I would request the letter is withdrawn from submission to members today.

Regards,

Mark Hoyle
Torquay Town Centre Community Partnership